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TAGS: PFOR, SY, UR

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FOR JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN  
SYRIA AND USSR

REF: LONDON 17634

1. FOLLOWING SUBMITTING HIS MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY ON  
NOVEMBER 16 (REFTEL), M.R. SPRINGER, OF AGUDAS ISRAEL  
WORLD ORGANIZATION, CALLED ON US NOVEMBER 18 TO REQUEST  
TWO FURTHER MESSAGES BE PASSED TO DEPARTMENT AS FOLLOWS:

2. HE ALLUDED TO A LETTER TO HIM FROM DEPUTY ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY SAULDERS OF NEA (WHICH SPRINGER THOUGHT WAS  
DATED OCTOBER 31, 1975 BUT WHICH HE HAS TEMPORARILY MIS-  
LAID), CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF GRANTING US VISAS  
TO MEMBERS OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN DAMASCUS WHO EITHER  
ESCAPE FROM OP ARE ALLOWED TO LEAVE SYRIA. SPRINGER  
ASKED: HOW CAN WE EXPEDITE ISSUANCE OF US VISAS TO THEM  
ONCE THEY ARE OUT? AGUDAS ISRAEL CONTEMPLATES STAGING  
THEM THROUGH DRANCE, UNDER ARRANGEMENTS WHICH HE SAID ARE  
BEING WORKED OUT UNDER AUSPICES OF RENE CASSIN, OR OTHER  
COOPERATIVE WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

3. SPRINGER AGAIN TURNED TO ISSUE OF COORDINATING MACHIN-  
ERY TO IMPLEMENT HELSINKI RESOLUTION ON REUNIFICATION OF  
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FAMILIES (REFTEL). SPRINGER UNDERSTANDS NO SUCH MACHINERY

EXISTS. HE RECOMMENDED THAT MACHINERY BE ESTABLISHED  
(A) AMONG THE WESTERN COUNTRIES WHO WOULD ASSIST IN RECEIVING JEWISH EMIGRANTS FROM USSR; AND (B) BETWEEN THESE WESTERN COUNTRIES AND THOSE SUCH AS THE USSR FROM WHICH JEWISH EMIGRANTS WOULD BE DEPARTING. SPRINGER HOPED THAT ARRANGEMENTS WOULD THUS BE MADE TO SPEED UP THEIR DEPARTURE AS SOON AS THEY OBTAIN EXIT PERMITS.

4. SPRINGER, WHO IS BRITISH SUBJECT, ALSO RAISED SOME POLITICO-RELIGIOUS MATTERS CONCERNING HIS ORGANIZATION'S DIFFERENCES OF OPINION WITH THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT. WE NOTED THAT THESE APPEARED TO BE UNRELATED TO OUR INTEREST IN HELPING THE JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN COMMUNIST AND ARAB COUNTRIES, AND WOULD PRESUMABLY NOT BE AN ACTION ITEM FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

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